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BIG CROWD HERE TO CELEBRATE

Rain Prevents Ball Game and Various Sports

The celebration of Independence Day on last Monday in Estancia, drew the largest number of people to our city ever assembled at any time. Not only were the people from this immediate vicinity in evidence, but visitors from all portions of the county and several cities outside of the county were on our streets.

The morning program was carried out as advertised, addresses being made by Hon. J. T. Connor, Fred H. Ayers and John Patrick Kennedy. When the pie eating contest was called, the small boy was strictly "in it" and did his best.

The showers in the afternoon postponed the ball game which was to have taken place on the Santa Fe and Estancia boys. But no one found fault with the rain, except that they wanted more of it. Jack Slade, with his porcupine, attracted a crowd in spite of the rain. A tempting offer of twenty-five dollars to any one whose dog would fight to the death the animal, went begging, no one after taking a look at the animal caring to sacrifice his dog. Races of various kinds were pulled off north of the postoffice, the crowd surging northward for this event. Fireworks and a grand ball at night closed the day's entertainment.

Everybody was in the best of humor all day long. The stores tried to keep their doors closed and dispense with business, but this was almost impossible, on account of the hotels being unable to handle the crowds, and lunches had to be purchased. A few fellows celebrated too freely in the way of "self-irrigation" but these were promptly cared for by Sheriff Meyer, Deputy Sheriff Smith and Judge Braxton. Some of the out-of-town guests desired to learn whence all the people came, imagining that a few train loads must have been run in for the occasion, and were loath to believe that all had homes in various parts of the valley. Throughout the whole day the crowd was orderly and anything but boisterous, resembling more the elite of some eastern city than the mis-called "wild and wooly west."

Tiss Preston Entertains

Miss Elsie Preston delightfully entertained a party of friends at her home on Wednesday evening, the guest of honor being Miss Mildred Goodner. A light lunch was served consisting of orange salad, wafers and punch. The place cards were tiny American flags attached to cards bearing the guests names and a Chinese quotation, a prize was given the one first guessing the meaning of the quotation which was a box of bon bons and fell to Miss Amada Ortiz.

Each pronounced Miss Preston a charming hostess and look forward to the pleasure of spending many more such hours in her home.

Jesus Candelaria, chairman of the board of county commissioners, was unable to attend the meeting of the board this week on account of illness.

Harkness Visits Valley

Rev. A. M. Harkness, the original "Sky Pilot" of the Estancia Valley, accompanied by his family spent Sunday and Monday at Estancia, guests of the families of A. W. Lentz and "ye editor." Mr. Harkness was the first regular pastor to conduct religious services in the valley, and to him fell the honor of organizing the first Protestant Church in what is now Torrance county.

At the invitation of Rev. A. M. Steele, Mr. Harkness preached at the local Methodist Church last Sunday evening, and in the course of his remarks, recalled the time when all public worship was conducted in the old school house south of the park, or in private dwellings. The change is more than apparent, the congregation now being housed in a comfortable commodious building, neatly finished and furnished. It was during the pastorate of Mr. Harkness here that the lots whereon the building now stands were secured, and the work of soliciting funds for the building was begun. The nucleus of this fund was raised by him personally, through illustrated lectures delivered at various places.

While the congregation has changed to a large extent, a number of old-timers in Estancia were still to be found to greet their former pastor and friend. Mr. Harkness is now located at Mountainair and in charge of the work of the Methodist church throughout the southern part of the valley.

Killed by Lightning.

On Tuesday afternoon occurred the funeral of Chas. W. Goodwin, at the Estancia Cemetery, under the auspices of the local lodge of I. O. O. F. Mr. Goodwin resided on his claim about ten miles southwest of Estancia, adjoining that of a brother. During the thunder-storm of Monday afternoon, he was struck by lightning, death resulting immediately. When found, the body was lying near the window where he had fallen, the only scratch of any kind found on the body, being a scratch and singed hair on the left temple.

Mr. Goodwin was a member of Diamond Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Diamond, Missouri. He had no family, residing alone on his claim. Had he lived till the 13th of the month he would have been forty-five years of age. Among his neighbors and friends he was highly respected and bore an excellent reputation.

Brings in New Spuds

On Monday of this week S. W. Hightower, living southwest of town was in Estancia bringing with him some of his new potatoes, which called forth words of praise on every hand. The potatoes were well formed, of almost globular shape about two to two and a half inches in diameter. He found ready sale for them at a good price.

While these are the first new potatoes to be brought in by our farmers, a number of them have them suitable size to market, but prefer to allow them to attain full growth.

Misses Minnie and Lella Laws of McIntosh were shopping in the county seat Wednesday of this week.

\$40,000 COUNTY BONDS ARE SOLD AT PAR

Salomon Luna Bids in county Bonds for E. H. Rollins & Sons of Denver. County Commissioners Transact Large Amount of Business at Quarterly Session

On Tuesday of this week, the county commissioners at their regular quarterly meeting, accepted an offer of E. H. Rollins & Sons of Denver, Colorado, to purchase county bonds in the sum of forty thousand dollars, to bear interest at five per cent, payable semi-annually, the price to be par, the purchasers to pay all expense of lithographing, attorney's fees, etc. The deal was arranged by Hon. Salomon Luna, of Los Lunas. The bonds will be divided as follows: \$25,000 to pay the indebtedness of Torrance county to Valencia county, made at the time of the division of the counties, \$10,000 for courthouse purposes, and \$5,000 for current expenses for the first year of the county's existence, before there were any taxes to pay the bills.

Heretofore there have been several bids for the bonds, but upon closer investigation by the bidders the bids have been withdrawn, as the assessed valuation of property within the county was not sufficient under the organic act, to allow the issuance of the amount of bonds desired. The last assessment, however, shows a valuation of over a million dollars, which would permit a bond issue of \$40,000 under the organic act allowing four per cent. of this amount as the limit to be issued.

The board of commissioners transacted quite a lot of business, having been in session almost all week.

The board, after considering petitions in regard to the assessments of the following named taxpayers, made changes as follows: J. G. Francisco Gonzales, reduced to \$981. Augustin Muller raised to \$731. Herculano Chavez reduced to \$859. Manuel Salas reduced to \$540. W. P. Stone taxes for 1903 canceled. Maggie Neff, taxes for 1908 canceled. Manuel Silva taxes of 1908, reduced to \$268. J. B. Winkel 1908 taxes canceled. Juan C. Jaramillo, petition for exemption rejected. Petition of R. R. McLeland for exemption rejected. Petition of Mrs. L. B. Kuykendall held until the clerk can consult with the attorney. Julian Chavez having made affidavit that he has paid his taxes on sheep for 1906 and 1907 in Valencia county, the clerk is ordered to secure the advice of the district attorney in regard to canceling same in this county. In regard to the taxes for the past years on the Tajique, Torreon, and Chilili Land Grants, before patent had issued, the clerk is ordered to secure the advice of the district attorney in the matter.

In the matter of issuing certificates of election in regard to the Tajique Land Grant election, the board decided not to act until the expiration of sixty days from the counting of the votes.

The claim of J. F. Wurster, constable at Moriarty in the sum of \$46.85, the same was allowed for \$16.80.

The committee named by the board at a prior meeting to take a census of the town of Mountainair reported a list of 121 names as residents of that place, which report was approved by

the board.

The claim of G. M. Fleming as Justice of the Peace of Moriarty precinct was rejected on account of not being in regular form.

The license for retail liquor dealers at Mountainair was fixed by the board at \$200 per annum.

Report of C. L. Thorp, justice of the peace at Palma, was approved.

Complaint and summons in the suit of Tranquillino Labadie vs. the Board of County Commissioners was read and placed on file.

The resignation of Santiago Madril as Road Supervisor for District No. 3, was accepted. Juan Sanchez y Vilil was named as his successor and ordered to execute and file a bond in the sum of \$1000.

J. E. Braxton's resignation as justice of the peace, precinct No. 7, was accepted and W. D. Wasson named as his successor.

The resignation of Camilo Aragon as road supervisor for district No. 1, was accepted, and Valentine Lujan was named to succeed him.

The account of Sheriff Denney of Otero county for the keeping of Jacobo Sedillo was approved.

Juan Sedillo, constable of precinct No. 11, was requested to execute and file a bond in the sum of \$800.

The report of J. B. Hayward, justice of the peace precinct No. 8, was read and approved.

The petition signed by a number of inhabitants of Estancia asking that Estancia be incorporated as a village, was read and placed on file, to be acted upon at the next regular meeting according to the statute governing same.

The justice of the peace of precinct No. 3, Manzano, reported having collected \$20 in fines, which report was approved.

J. E. Braxton, justice of the peace precinct No. 7, reports having collected fines in the sum of \$195, which report was approved.

Sheriff Meyer was ordered to advertise for bids for cells for the county jail.

The Board adjourned as a board of commissioners and met as a board of Equalization, making the tax levy for 1909 the same as they had done at the meeting in June, it having been ascertained that this should have been done at a regular meeting.

The News was named as the official Spanish paper of Torrance county by the board of commissioners, as under the new law, the proceedings are to be published in both an English and a Spanish newspaper.

Mrs. S. B. Jones is on the sick list this week.

Dr. E. G. Boyd has become so accustomed to answering to the call of "Papa" at home during the past week, that he answers on the street or any place he hears the word. The young lady, who uses it took up her abode at the Doctor's home last Saturday morning. Both she and Mrs. Boyd are getting along nicely.

Now in First District

Santa Fe, N. M., July 1.—The bunch of determined citizens of Socorro who arrived here today to put up a strong fight for Socorro as headquarters for the seventh judicial district won out handily and the supreme court this evening decided that Socorro will be headquarters for the district. Judge Merritt C. Meechem, formerly of Tucumcari will be the judge of the Seventh district. Valencia county is taken from the Second district and transferred to the seventh which also includes Socorro and Sierra counties. Torrance county was transferred from the Sixth district to the First or Santa Fe district. Judge Alford W. Cooley the other new member of the supreme bench succeeds Judge Edward A. Maan at Alamogordo which remains headquarters for the Sixth district. The other districts remain as before: First district, Santa Fe; Judge John R. McFie; Second district, Albuquerque; Judge Ira A. Abbott; Third district, Las Cruces; Judge Frank W. Parker; Fourth district, Las Vegas; Judge W. J. Mills; Fifth district, Roswell; Judge W. H. Pope.

Presbyterian Church Notes.

The Presbyterians will hold Communion services at the M. E. Church next Sunday morning. There will be special music. All are invited.

There will be Communion service at McIntosh on Sunday evening.

Rev. R. Carver preached at Stanley last Sunday morning and at McIntosh in the evening.

The Westminster Circle met with Mrs. Olive on Wednesday afternoon. There was a good attendance. The next meeting will be with Mrs. M. B. Atkinson.

More Gas and Oil.

Work on the artesian well continues, the drill now being down something more than 750 feet. Yesterday an advance of almost four feet was made. A pocket of gas was struck which threw the water out over the top of the casing for almost half an hour. Someone passing and seeing the water spouting up in the air, brought the news to town that "artesian water had been struck and I saw it." More oil was also encountered. The work is being prosecuted with all the despatch possible.

L. A. Sydnor, who has a homestead northeast of Estancia, has been over from Albuquerque the past week, where he has been working for some time. He will look after ranch affairs awhile.

A. H. Hilton of the A. H. Hilton Mercantile Company of San Antonio, N. M., spent last Monday in Estancia celebrating. He had purchased a lot of wool in the Progreso and Bianca neighborhoods and was waiting for cars for loading. Mr. Hilton is an old timer in the territory, having been a resident here for more than thirty years. He has been greatly impressed with the valley and what he saw while here.

NESBIT HEAD OF N. M. CENTRAL

Succeeding Morell Law. New Board of Directors

This morning the stockholders of the New Mexico Central Railroad held their annual meeting at the offices of the company in the Laughlin block and elected the following directors:

Harrison Nesbit, vice-president of the Pittsburg National bank; Charles C. Murray, receiver of the Fort Pitt and Enterprise banks of Pittsburg; John D. Findley of Pittsburg; Francis C. Torrance of Pittsburg; W. S. Hopewell of Albuquerque; W. S. Strickler of Albuquerque and Charles F. Easley of Santa Fe.

Immediately following the election of directors, the directors convened for the purpose of electing officers with the following result: Harrison Nesbit, president; W. S. Hopewell, vice-president; C. C. Murray, secretary and treasurer; H. A. Coomer was elected auditor of the road.

For the executive committee the following were selected: Harrison Nesbit, C. C. Murray and John D. Findley.

James W. Arrott, Jr., of Pittsburg, the former secretary of the company was also at the meeting.

Ex-Lieutenant Governor Walter Lyon, the Eastern counsel of the company, was also in attendance as was Mr. Wendt, attorney for Eastern interests.

E. W. Dobson of Albuquerque, was present as the legal representative of the company in New Mexico.—New Mexican.

Sues for \$50,000

This afternoon at three o'clock Attorney George W. Prichard on behalf of Robert Law, who was this morning ousted as president of the New Mexico Central Railroad, filed a suit in the First district court seeking \$50,000 damages. The suit is against the New Mexico Central Railroad and Francis J. Torrance and alleges breach of contract.—New Mexican.

Train Would not Wait.

M. R. Baker, editor of the Fort Sumner Review, accompanied by Mr. Taggart of his home town, were Estancia visitors yesterday. Passing through on the noon train, they stopped off to get dinner, not being cognizant of the change in time on the Central, and upon returning to the depot were surprised to find that they must spend the night in the Metropolis of the valley. Judge Baker, who has been a frequent visitor to our little city for the past four or five years, was surprised to find that we had grown to such metropolitan size.

Miss Jessie Jackson has been confined to her room by illness this week.

A. B. Hoelscher left the first of the week for his old home in Texas, and will arrange matters so that his family will come to the valley shortly to make this their future home. Mr. Hoelscher has invested in valley real estate and will improve his property, making it still more valuable.